



*Representative Marilyn Lee's*

# legislative update

*a report on the 2002 session*



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

I am excited to share with you the accomplishments of the 21st Legislature. We took a hard look at tough issues like deteriorating school facilities, the environment, long-term care, and gambling. We looked at people's problems and made real reform. We kept the cost of government down and passed a responsible budget, while providing for the basic needs of our people. At the same time, we approved measures that will put money back into the pockets of consumers grappling with the high costs of prescription drugs and gasoline.

In these difficult times, keeping your trust is important. We passed meaningful election reform legislation limiting campaign contribution amounts, prohibiting the State or counties from contracting with anyone who made a recent campaign contribution, and forcing the removal of an elected official who has been convicted of criminal behavior.

I hope this 2002 Legislative Update will give you a better idea of what measures were passed this session. The issues discussed in this newsletter reflect what the Legislature accomplished during the 2002 session, but do not take into account what may be subsequently vetoed. Limited space does not permit discussion of all the issues.

I encourage you to keep in touch with me about your concerns. Your participation in the democratic process is essential in making our government work.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Please feel free to send me email at [replee@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:replee@capitol.hawaii.gov). You can also call me at 586-9460 or fax me your ideas at 586-9466.

Mahalo for the privilege of serving you in the House of Representatives.

Aloha,

*Marilyn B. Lee*

Marilyn B. Lee  
Representative, 38th District

## ANALYSIS

"Small but significant changes in everyday life that appeal to consumers are the work of the 2002 Legislature."  
—Honolulu Advertiser  
Friday, May 3, 2002

## EDITORIAL

"Lawmakers aren't there to make decisions on the basis of speculative, potential outcomes. Their job is to deal with issues in real time and come up with solutions they deem appropriate. In both the gas price and health insurance debates, that's precisely what they did."

—HonoluluAdvertiser.com  
Sunday, May 5, 2002



MARILYN B. LEE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

JUNE 2002

- 1 *We looked at people's problems and made real reform.*
- 2 *We lived within our means.*



**The State  
budget  
priority is  
*people.***

- ◆ We made an investment in education and the economy by more than doubling school repair and maintenance.
- ◆ We left high tech tax incentives intact.
- ◆ We reduced the size and cost of State government.
  - We cut \$350,000,000 from the State budget.
  - We established the Core Government Functions Commission to examine the scope of State government.
  - We left intact the principal in the Hawaii Hurricane Fund.
- ◆ We helped 228,000 people get up to 30% off the cost of prescription drugs. (This includes seniors, families, and individuals.)
- ◆ We are determined to drive gas prices down by requiring oil industry reporting and phasing in of gasoline price caps.



Breaking ground for our new elementary school, May 2002

**The State Budget.** Faced with a \$315,000,000 projected deficit, the Legislature cut costs and considered revenue generating alternatives to pass a balanced budget providing needed public services and supporting integral government functions. The Legislature appropriated \$7,187,598,536 for FY 2001–2002 and \$7,400,172,663 for FY 2002–2003 for the total operating budget.

**District 38**

**2002 Supplemental Budget - Capital Improvement Projects**

Project Title	FY 2002	FY 2003	Total
Mililani Mauka II Elementary School, Oahu	\$ 17,442,000	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 22,542,000
Mililani Mauka II Elementary School, Oahu	\$ —	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Mililani Mauka II Elementary School - 6 Classroom Bldg, Oahu	\$ 200,000	\$ —	\$ 200,000
Mililani Mauka II Elementary School	\$ 17,642,000	\$ 5,109,000	\$ 22,751,000

# Caring for kupuna

*Medical costs continue to rise for the care of the frail and elderly on Medicaid. To address this issue in a way that minimizes social, economic, and public problems, the State needs to help keep frail and elderly persons more independent in their own homes or in a similar environment that creates the least amount of dysfunction possible.*

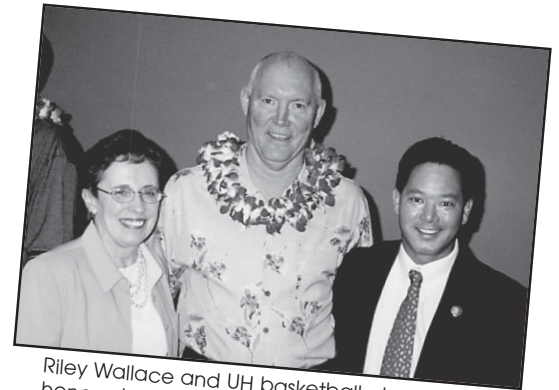
*Accordingly we passed: **The Hawaii Long-term Care Financing Program.***

- ◆ A board of trustees will be charged with examining the issue of long-term care in Hawaii and designing the program, including methods of financing and determining benefits (HB2638); and
- ◆ Appropriated \$40,000 for the Executive Office on Aging to convene a summit to bring concerned parties together to coordinate the program (SB2416).



UH Women's Sports honored on 30th Anniversary.  
Representative Lee with Marilyn Kaho'ohanohano,  
Women's Athletic Director.

*We passed the most  
aggressive campaign finance  
reform in 20 years.*



Riley Wallace and UH basketball players  
honored on floor of the House

**Campaign Spending.** Ensured the integrity and certainty of the State's electoral process by:

- ◆ Limiting contributions to candidates in an aggregate amount of \$25,000 in a two-year election period;
- ◆ Prohibiting the State or counties from entering into contracts with anyone who has made a recent campaign contribution;
- ◆ Prohibiting banks, labor organizations, or other entities organized by authority of Federal or State law from making campaign contributions; and
- ◆ Making knowing falsification of campaign reports a class C felony (SB2431).

### **Close Election Recount.**

Helped avoid uncertainty in elections such as that of the last presidential election by establishing specific criteria that will trigger an automatic recount in close elections (HB2843).

**Elected Officials.** Ensured that public officials who are convicted of criminal behavior are removed from office on the date of conviction (HB771).

**Eligibility Requirements for Candidates.** Proposed a constitutional amendment requiring candidates for the Legislature to be qualified voters in the districts they wish to represent before filing primary election nomination papers (HB1012).

**Internet Predators.** Protected Hawaii's children by establishing the crime of electronic enticement of a child to stop those who would take advantage of a minor using a computer or other electronic device to lure a child with the intent to commit a felony or to use the child in pornography (HB2426).

## *Law & order*

**Sex Offender Registration.** Addressed constitutional concerns raised by the Hawaii Supreme Court to reinstate sex offender registration requirements. Provides a presumption that the information should be released to the public but also provides the offender an opportunity to show that the person is no longer a threat to the community (SB2698).

**County Lifeguards; Immunity.** Ensured the presence of county lifeguards at certain beach parks and adjacent beaches by providing immunity from liability for the State and counties and their lifeguards in providing lifeguard services except for damages arising out of gross negligence or any wanton act or omission.

Extended to June 30, 2007, a process by which public entities are provided protection from liability when they have provided adequate warning to the public through the design and placement of warning signs in beach parks (SB796).

## *Land & water use*



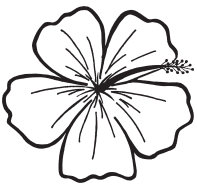
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## *The Community visits the State Capitol...*



Nurses of the Year honored by Legislators



VICA members annual Capitol visit



Korean War Veterans



Women leaders gathered  
on "Equal Pay Day"



Mililani's  
Chess  
Champion



Mililani "student shadows"

